

TRANSPORTATION CABINET SALUTES QUALITY-BASED ACHIEVEMENT

Employees Recognized for ASE Certification



In recognition of National Automotive Service Professionals Week (June 12-18), Kentucky Transportation Cabinet officials paid tribute to the 87 automotive repair technicians within the Cabinet who are ASE Certified Technicians. ASE is the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence, a non-profit organization established in 1972 by the automotive industry, to improve the quality of vehicle repair and service through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive repair technicians.

"We want to thank all of these professionals for their service and for their exceptional commitment to their chosen careers," said Transportation Cabinet Secretary Bill Nighbert. "ASE certification is a badge that each of these technicians can wear with pride, because it demonstrates to everyone that they are among the elite in their profession. It also shows their commitment to the kind of quality that we consistently strive for in the Transportation Cabinet."

The motor vehicle repair industry has taken on a new sophistication, which requires advanced technical training and computer literacy. Today's automotive technicians must have:

- Thorough knowledge of automotive systems and components
- Good computer skills

- Excellent communication skills
- Above average mechanical aptitude
- Good reasoning ability, ability to read and follow instructions
- Manual dexterity

"Our ASE certified Technicians have been tested for one or more of ASE's 40-plus exams," said Chris Mobley, Di-

rector of the Transportation Cabinet's Equipment Division. Tests are grouped into specialties for automobile, medium/heavy truck, truck equipment and collision repair technicians as well as engine machinists, alternate fuels technicians and parts specialists. The required areas for certification are: Diesel Engines, Suspension & Steering, Brakes, and Electrical/Electronic Systems. Certification in Drive Train & Heating, Ventilation & Air conditioning in addition

to the five are required to become Master Certified. Certification, however, is not for life. In order to remain certified those with ASE credentials must be tested every 5 years. "Through the efforts of Secretary Nighbert, the administration of Governor Fletcher has approved the Cabinet's payment of ASE certification fees for these deserving employees," Mobley added.

Transportation Cabinet technicians who have achieved ASE certification were honored at District offices as well.



Perry Shouse, with the Division of Equipment's C-1 Garage, is one of the cabinet's ASE certified technicians.